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Timely Tidbits ...

Seniors Attend Prom, Commencement

The coming week is sure to be a busy one for Romulus High School's Class of '99. The Senior Prom, set for June 9, will be followed by the Senior Luncheon on June 11 and Commencement on June 12.

For a complete list of graduates names, see page 7.

Rummage Sale

The City-wide No-fee Rummage Sale weekend – which began on Thursday, June 3 – will continue through Sunday, June 6. (If two or more of the four dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the following weekend: June 10–13.)

A complete list of sale sites can be obtained from the Romulus Recreation Department, located at 36515 Bibbins in Downtown Romulus.

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The City of Romulus Department of Public Works (located at 34100 Goddard Road) has announced that Romulus residents will be able to take advantage of free dumping (no more than two loads per day) from Saturday, June 5, through Saturday, June 12 (excluding Sunday, June 6, when the dump will be closed). Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturdays.

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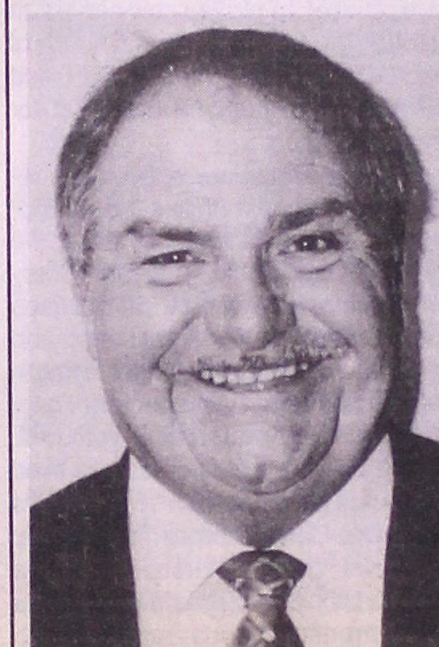
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School Board Election Set for Monday, June 14



Tony Heimberger



Billy McCraight



Edward Thomas, Jr.

Editor's note: To help voters decide which candidate they will support in the Board of Education election set for Monday, June 14, "the little paper" has profiled two of the three (Tony Heimberger did not return phone calls requesting an interview). Candidates were invited to provide as much (or as little) detail as they wished concerning their campaign agendas and personal data.

To avoid the appearance of giving anyone preferential treatment, the profiles have been arranged alphabetically.

Billy McCraight

As a lifelong resident of Romulus with an impressive history of community service, 61-year-old Billy McCraight believes that he would have a lot to offer as a member of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

"All my life, I've tried to do my part to make Romulus a better place to live," he said. "As a School Board member, I would be able to take this commitment one giant step further because the future of our young people and the future of our city go hand in hand."

One of McCraight's top priorities is a teacher contract.

"I'm not privy to 'insider information' about the district's negotiations with our teachers, so I can't offer specifics on how this matter could be resolved," he stated, "but I'm a good negotiator and I know the importance of the word 'compromise.' This issue is crucial to the continued improvement of our schools, so we have to try even harder to find a solution that's acceptable to everyone."

Another of McCraight's goals is improved parent/community involvement through volunteer programs and PTA-type organizations. And concerning the still-tenuous lines of communication that have been established between the school district and City government, McCraight expressed his hopes that they will remain open, despite the snags that occurred during recent discussions about the possibility of constructing a jointly sponsored recreation facility.

As a candidate, he believes that his biggest asset is his ability to remain an independent thinker, yet give the ideas of others a full, fair hearing.

"I'm a leader, but I can also be a follower in a good cause," said McCraight. "As I used to tell my son, 'When you take time to listen, you learn a lot more than when you do all the talking.'"

"I don't always have to be at the head of things, but I don't want to be at the back, either," he added.

After graduating from Romulus High School in 1955, McCraight served his country for four years in the U.S. Army, 101st Airborne. The now-retired truck driver was also a union steward for Teamsters Local #299 for four years.

Besides his membership in the Romulus Rotary Club and his work with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee, McCraight proudly cited his 19 years as a volunteer fireman (during which time he worked his way up to lieutenant) when asked about his history of community service.

He mentioned his budding involvement with the Romulus Senior-citizens Center, as well.

"One program that we want to see spread throughout Romulus – and, eventually, the entire Downriver area – is called the 'File of Life,'" said McCraight. "This lifesaving program asks each senior to keep a magnetic board on his or her refrigerator, in plain sight of rescue personnel, with a list of medications and allergies, other important health information, and the phone numbers of people to contact in an emergency."

McCraight and his wife Leota – a Romulus Community Schools bus driver of 23 years – have three grown children (Sherell, Kellie, and "Soc"), all of whom are Romulus High School graduates. Of their five grandchildren, two are grown and living in Florida; the other three are currently enrolled in Romulus schools.

McCraight urges anyone who has questions regarding his candidacy to contact him at 734-729-2262.

Edward Thomas, Jr.

"I worked in a factory and I know what a contract means," stated Edward Thomas, Jr., who identifies the need for a teacher contract as his number-one priority. "When you have a contract, you don't have to worry that you'll be here today but gone tomorrow. It encourages you to keep on working to the best of your ability."

"We already have the best teachers and schools. We need to do everything we can to keep them," he added.

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Thomas also feels that the school district should become more strongly involved in providing additional recreation facilities for young people.

"The City's recreation center Downtown offers nice programs, but it isn't enough," said Thomas. "We need more facilities and more parks that provide a safe environment for our youth—places that they can enjoy themselves without being harassed about loitering."

"Many times in my travels through other states, I've seen little towns that have at least two recreation centers," he continued. "If they can do it, so can we."

Additionally, Thomas believes that the district could make better use of the community's human resources.

"For example, I'd like to see our schools start a 'buddy system' that would allow senior citizens to use their wide experience to help our children," he said. "The two groups have a lot to offer each other. It's a shame not to take better advantage of that."

Thomas says that one of his greatest assets as a School Board member would be his open-door policy.

"I want people to know that I'll always be willing to listen to their concerns," he stated. "If they have questions, I'll do my very best to get them answered. I plan to keep regular office

hours to make it easy for people to get in touch with me, and anyone who tries to call when I'm not available will always be able to leave me a message so that I can return the call as soon as possible.

"One man can make a difference, and I'm that man," he concluded.

Thomas — a 1966 graduate of Ecorse High School — has had some college education, as well. The retired Detroit Diesel employee now serves as pastor of the Martin Temple Church of God in Christ (located on Wayne Road in Romulus), a post he has held for almost a decade.

Another candidate with an imposing resume of community service, Thomas says he is a current member of the City of Romulus Police and Fire Safety Commission; has worked with various youth-community organizations; and has done extensive volunteer work in the Romulus schools, especially Halecreek, where his daughter is a student.

The 54-year-old Thomas has lived in Romulus for more than 16 years; his wife, Legina Curtis Thomas, for 39 years. They have three children: Damon (a Romulus High School graduate), Patrick (who currently attends school at Mt. Pleasant under the Adult and Community Education Program), and Legina.

Anyone who would like more information regarding Thomas' candidacy is welcome to call him at 734-941-6548. □

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Students Blinded Judges with Science



Board of Education Trustee and Science Fair Judge Eva Webb examines an exhibit on yeast and gas production.

More than 200 students participated in the Romulus Middle School Science Fair, held May 25 (judging) and May 26 (Open House for parents). The event — organized by the Middle School's Science Department Chairperson, Kimberly Jensen, and the school's four sci-

ence teachers — was judged by Board of Education Secretary Mike Woods and Trustees Debbie Dick and Eva Webb; Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent; Tom Dolan, Curriculum Director; and Building Administrators Ed Clark, Dan Hurst, and Chris Powers.



Science Fair winners: (from left) top row — Kimberly Blankenship, Sherri Davis, Kristina Rafalski, Ryan Tackett, and Crystal Koch; second row — Taritonye Burutolu, Molly Tuttle, Jenessa Deshazor, Jon Taylor, Elizabeth Berry, and Natasha Tao; third row — Kevin Zajac, Janeise Daniels, Jill Steffani, and Rachale Parsons; bottom row — Meghan Conway, Ryan Boyd, Karrah Duncan, and Lauren Fox. (Not pictured: Bradley Hindman, Katie Starr, and Latoya Starr.)

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RHS French Students Enjoy Experience in 'La Belle France'

When Romulus High School (RHS) students Amber Bowman, Amanda Dean, Autumn DeBus, Shannon Herauf, Moriah Holbrook, Nicole McKinney, and Crystal Renton traveled to France during their spring break, it was a long-awaited dream come true.

"Several of the students started saving their pennies years ago, when they were only freshmen in French I," said RHS French teacher Rosa Russenberger, who (along with her son, Nick) accompanied the students on their 15-day trip. "Our tour brought to life all the pictures, history, and culture that they've been reading about for so long."

Departing from Detroit Metropolitan Airport on March 30, the students began their trip with a direct flight to Paris, where — joined by students from Fond du Lac (which, in French, means "bottom of the lake") and Waterford, Wisconsin — they spent their first day walking around and taking a subway tour to enjoy some of the city's most famous sights. From there, they traveled to the Loire Valley, an area well known for its castles, then up through Tours and on to St. Malo, a small, fortified city on the Atlantic.

"It was in St. Malo that we met up with Theresa Genaw, a Romulus High School junior who is currently a foreign-exchange student in France," Russenberger explained. "Because of her now-thorough acquaintance with the area, she was a welcome guide during our explorations there."

Before leaving the coast, the group also visited the beaches of Normandy.

"It was the most exhilarating experience of my life."

— Amber Bowman

"I learned more about myself than I ever had before. I truly appreciated the language, culture, and lifestyle that I experienced during my trip."

— Crystal Renton

"France was beautiful. I was scared at first, but now I'm glad I went."

— Shannon Herauf

"I had been looking forward to this since I was a freshman, and going on the trip was extremely important to me. I know that the memories will last me a lifetime."

— Nicole McKinney

"This was a wonderful group of students to take to France, and I was happy to give them the opportunity to experience a different culture."

— Rosa Russenberger, teacher

"That part of our trip was an emotional experience," said Russenberger. "At the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, the first grave-marker they came across was that of a Michigan soldier."

Next, the group stopped at Giverny for a tour of the home and gardens of the late impressionist painter, Claude Monet. Although the students enjoyed

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Among the tour group's many stops was the Chateau Azay le Rideau in the Loire Valley.



Romulus High School junior Theresa Genaw (kneeling), who is currently participating in a foreign-exchange program in France, met up with French teacher Rosa Russenberger (right) and her students in St. Malo.

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RHS Grad Talley Joins Yale School of Drama and Theater

As an elementary-school student in Romulus, Eric Talley played the cornet. At Romulus Junior High, he switched to the baritone and scored 102 during his band tryout — one of the highest scores ever achieved on this demanding examination. At Romulus High School, he again changed instruments, studying the flute until his graduation in 1986.

When Talley entered the University of Michigan that fall, he started out in the School of Literature, Arts, and Sciences, but soon found that music was still his true love. He practiced very hard to gain admission to the university's music school, and received with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1990.

After graduation, Talley went to work for the University of Zimbabwe Faculty Recruitment program at the Africa-America Institute in New York City. During his time in "The Big Apple," he also was employed as a special assistant to the Director of Opera Ebony, an ensemble created to promote and present operatic vocalists of color.

Talley then returned to school at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Arts Management. While residing in Michigan, he served as a director of Art for the People, a group that was formed to present artists of color throughout Michigan. He also participated in a Deloitte/Touche Strategic Planning Program, which helped him expand Art for the People into four different divisions.

Last fall, Talley was appointed to the newly created position of community outreach coordinator for the School of Drama/Yale Repertory Theatre. As the liaison between the School/Theatre and the community of New Haven, Connecticut, his responsibilities include spearheading Project Discovery (an initiative to introduce new audiences to the theater) and the Dwight/Edgewood Project (a theater mentorship program for middle-school students in the Edgewood neighborhood).



Eric Talley

"Eric will bring Yale and the New Haven community the gift of great energy, tons of experience, and a belief in what we can do together," said Victoria Nolan, Managing Director of the Repertory Theatre.

Among those most proud of Talley's achievements is Richard Kruse, Director of the Romulus Community Schools' Music Department and Talley's former band teacher.

"We can all congratulate Eric Talley on his appointment at Yale University," said Kruse. "His achievements are a perfect example of the fact that anything is possible as long as you stay focused and work hard." □

RHS Students Tour 'La Belle France'

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the many sights there, perhaps the most interesting was not to be found in any guidebook listing.

"What a surprise it was to bump into Kim Mientkiewicz!" exclaimed Russenberger, referring to a Romulus High School alumna now studying in France. "Had it not been for Crystal Renton, who recognized her and immediately brought her to my attention, the moment would have been lost. The world is a small place, indeed."

After a tour of the Palace of Versailles, the students returned to Paris, where the following (and final) day was spent doing everything from visiting the Louvre museum to viewing the grave of Jim Morrison and walking along the Champs Elysée at night.

In retrospect, one of the most enjoyable highlights of the trip turned out to be the very part that had caused the students the most worry prior to their departure.

"The 'family-stay' portion of the trip was very cool," said Herauf.

"I was really pleased at how my French family accepted me and treated me as one of their own," McKinney added.

Reluctantly, the group returned home on April 13.

"Now, it's back to reality," Russenberger jokingly sighed. "No more fresh croissants and mini baguettes for breakfast. No more sights and sounds of France."

"Still, we're fortunate," she added. "We have our memories and stories to keep the experience alive." □

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Awards Program Recognizes Exceptional Students

On Wednesday, May 12, Romulus High School held its annual Awards Night program to recognize exceptional students for their achievements. A number of scholarships were awarded, as well.

Valedictorian

- Mamie Kesner.

Salutarian

- Nicole McKinney.

Academic Honors/Kiwanis Awards

(Note: students are listed according to their grade-point ranking) Mamie Kesner, Nicole McKinney, Brad Bowman, Rachael Parker, Christina Bouquenoy, Harrison Carter, Shannon Herauf, Thais Carter, Danielle Judy, Tomeka Boles, Katie Lockhart, Derek Plave, Matthew Gibbons, David Necker, Nicolle Moue, Oliver Buffington, Nathan Thomas, Carrie Brown, LaNeda Davis, Erin Fisher, Alec Hance, Denise Chambers, Carissa Slone, Scott Tieppo, Brandis Paden, Steven Hatfield, Jannetta Sewell, Megan Wilson, Crystal Vincent, Rebecca Swain, Jonathan Estes, Damien Crawford, William Chapman, Joana Moton, Martin Lucaj, Isaiah Hemmingway, Wanakee Burke, Charlene Winters, Jennifer Finch, Brandy Clark, Rachel Laskaska, Shannon Guarino, Crystal Davidson, April Morones, Ralph Hackney, Jonathan Manthei, Quatisha Medley, Kimberly Daniels, and Gabriel Taylor.

Department Awards

- Christina Bouquenoy (band),
- Shylah Broom (health occupations),
- Oliver Buffington (band),
- Harrison Carter (English),
- Brandy Clark (band),
- Damien Crawford (biology),
- Crystal Davidson (Spanish),
- Amanda Dean (creative writing),
- Novia Edwards (physical education; public speaking),
- Jennifer Finch (creative writing),
- Eric Franquist (computer science),
- Matthew Gibbons (industrial technology; physics),
- Gerard Gratiot (accounting),
- Shannon Herauf (French),
- Kenetria Jones (dance),
- Danielle Judy (band),
- Katie Lockhart (journalism),
- Carleton McCauley (physical education),
- Nicole McKinney (calculus; chemistry; French; social studies),
- Nicolle Moue (journalism),
- Rachael Parker (band; math),
- Sarah Ruggirello (English),
- Janetta Sewell (yearbook),
- Gabriel Taylor (choir),
- Kenyetta Vaughn (dance),
- Sarah Weinschenk (band),
- Melanie Wilhide (business), and
- Lakisha Yharbrough (health occupations).

Presidential Academic Awards

Tomeka Boles, Christina Bouquenoy, Brad Bowman, Harrison Carter, Thais Carter, Shannon Herauf, Danielle Judy, Mamie Kesner, Nicole McKinney, and Rachael Parker.

Vocational Honors/Kiwanis Awards

- Christa Anderson (culinary arts),
- David Eakin (marketing),
- Garrett Eves (culinary arts),
- Jamie Faison (culinary arts),
- Tracie Finley (office education),
- Matthew Gibbons (drafting),
- Candace Gibson (culinary arts),
- Teanntray Howard (culinary arts),
- Crystal Miller (culinary arts),
- Dale Miller (building trades),
- April Morones (health occupations),
- Quran Muhammad (Walter B. Mach award),
- Jason Nichols (auto body),
- David Pifer (photo/video tech),
- Jennifer Slater (culinary arts),
- Gabriel Taylor (culinary arts), and
- Melanie Wilhide (co-op).

Miscellaneous Awards

- Christa Anderson (Community Service Learning award),
- Brad Bowman (U.S. Air Force award; U.S. Navy award),
- Thais Carter (U.S. Navy award),
- LaNeda Davis (U.S. Army Scholar award),
- Alec Hance (U.S. Army Scholar award),
- Mamie Kesner (U.S. Marine Corps award),
- Nicole McKinney (U.S. Air Force award),
- Steven Scibilia (U.S. Marine Corps award; U.S. Navy award),
- Janetta Sewell (Bausch & Lomb award), and
- Charles Thompson (U.S. Marine Corps award).

Michigan Competitive Awards

Christina Bouquenoy, Brad Bowman, Jonathan Estes, Matthew Gibbons, Shannon Herauf, Danielle Judy, Mamie Kesner, Katie Lockhart, Nicole McKinney, Joana Moton, Nicolle Moue, Sarah Ruggirello, Carissa Slone, Justin Somers, Gabriel Taylor, and Scott Tieppo.

Local Scholarships

- Christina Bouquenoy (Romulus Alumni Scholarship – \$800),
- Oliver Buffington (Mayor's Drug Task Force Scholarship – \$1,000),
- Damien Crawford (Romulus Booster Club Scholarship – \$500; Wayne/Romulus Optimist Scholarship – \$500),
- Novia Edwards (Mildred Washington Scholarship – \$250),
- Jamie Faison (Romulus Rotary Scholarship – \$500),
- Candace Gibson (Romulus Rotary Scholarship – \$500),



A "noteworthy" coincidence? The top four students in Romulus High School's Class of 1999 – (from left) Valedictorian Mamie Kesner, (third-ranked) Brad Bowman, Salutarian Nicole McKinney, and (fourth-ranked) Rachael Parker – are also saxophone players in the school's Jazz Band.

- Alec Hance (Ray Kroc Scholarship – \$500; REA Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000; Romulus Administrators Scholarship – \$1,000),
 - Mamie Kesner (Romulus Arts Council Scholarship – \$500),
 - Nicole McKinney (Romulus Alumni Scholarship – \$500; Romulus Booster Club Scholarship – \$500; Romulus Rotary Scholarship – \$1,000),
 - Nicolle Moue (Romulus Alumni Scholarship – \$800; Romulus Rotary Scholarship – \$1,000),
 - Rachael Parker (REA Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000; Romulus Alumni Scholarship – \$500; Romulus Rotary Scholarship – \$1,000),
 - Rebecca Swain (Lorena Burton Scholarship – \$250; Mayor's Drug Task Force Scholarship – \$1,000; Romulus Alumni Scholarship – \$800; Special Tree Award – \$500; Wayne/Romulus Optimist Scholarship – \$500),
 - Ebony Thompson (Arts/Humanities Scholarship – \$1,000; Wayne/Romulus Optimist Scholarship – \$500), and
 - Sarah Ziika (Robert Brock Scholarship – \$500).
- Athletic Scholarships**
- Alfred Chadwick (University of Toledo), and
 - Fred Russell (University of Michigan).
- Congratulations and best wishes to all who were honored. □

Health Fair Featured Blood Drive



Teacher Don Foley was among nearly 100 people who signed up to be a Red Cross blood donor during Romulus High School's first annual Health Fair on May 25. The event – organized by health-occupations students and publicized by marketing students – also featured free checks for blood-pressure and respiration, as well as literature and presentations on subjects such as exercise, nutrition, alcohol and drug abuse, hygiene, stress, and health-occupations careers.

RHS Class of 1999

Thirteen years of perseverance will pay off on Saturday, June 12, 1999, when members of the senior class at Romulus High School attend their graduation ceremony and receive their hard-earned diplomas. We congratulate them on a job well done, and hope that their futures are filled with happiness and success.

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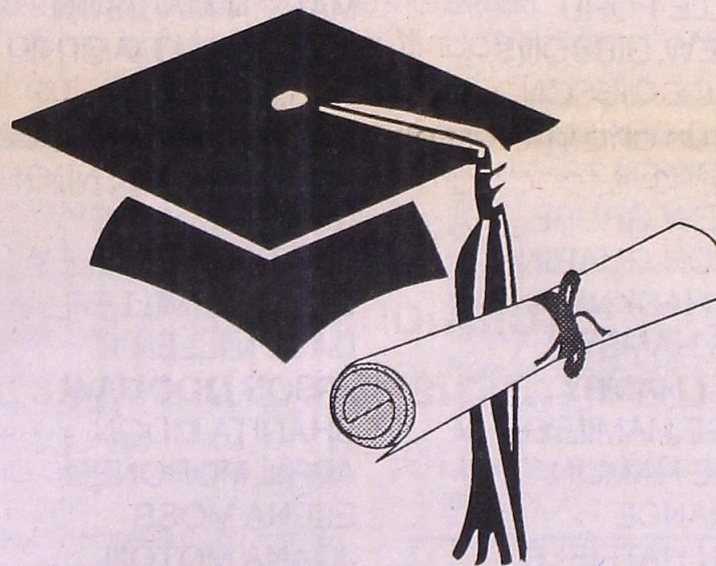
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Community Calendar

- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 40 (channel 12 for those who have already made the switch to broadband) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10. Special guests for the evening will be Mamie Kesner, valedictorian of Romulus High School's Class of 1999; Nicole McKinney, salutatorian; and "Eagle Power," a creation of Romulus High School students who competed in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics competition. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall by 6:15 p.m. Home viewers can call 734-942-7571 to ask questions of the Mayor and guests after 6 p.m.
- **Summer Reading at the Library** – For more information about the following summer reading programs at the Romulus Public Library, stop in (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) or call (734-942-7589) during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.). **Preschool Storytime** – Space is limited, so advance registration is required for this free program for children ages three to five who are not yet in kindergarten, but are ready for independent listening. Choose between evening (7 p.m. each Tuesday beginning June 15) and morning (10:30 a.m. each Thursday beginning June 17) sessions. **G'day for Reading** – Registration begins Monday, June 14, for the Library's free summer reading program for all ages. Weekly entertainment (related to this year's Australian theme) is scheduled Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on June 16) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Romulus Police Host Charity Golf Outing** – The Romulus Police Officers Association is inviting the public to participate in its first annual Charity Golf Outing, set for Friday, August 6, at the Shady Hollow Golf Course (located at 34777 Smith Road in Romulus). Registration will begin at 7 a.m.; the shotgun start is scheduled for 8 a.m. A \$65-per-person donation (payment due by July 6) covers 18 holes of golf, cart, shirt, lunch, steak dinner, beer and soft drinks, and door prizes. Other donations of cash, gift certificates (to be used for prizes), and golf equipment are also appreciated. For information, please call either Officer Mike St. Andre or Officer Duane Smith at the Police Department (734-941-8400).
- **Pumpkin Fest Seeks Crafters, Vendors, Entertainers** – The City of Romulus is looking for crafters, vendors, and entertainers interested in participating in its third annual Pumpkin Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, September 18–19, in downtown Romulus. For more information; to make a monetary or in-kind donation to the festival; or to obtain an application for street space or food vending (deadline: September 10), contact Susan Watts (734-941-0476) or Maria Lambert (734-942-7543). To volunteer your talents for the entertainment portion of the festival, call Ellen Bragg (734-942-9207).
- **Crafters Wanted!** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is looking for crafters for its annual Applefest Bazaar and Craft Show (set for the first weekend in October). For more information, call the church: 734-753-9048.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs Host Orientation Meetings** – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Romulus Club, invites prospective members (ages six to 18) to attend one of its new-member orientation meetings, held at Merriman Elementary School (15303 Merriman Road) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. The Club's annual membership fee is \$25; proof of age must be provided at the time of registration. Club hours are Tuesday through Friday from after school until 8:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-5839.

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Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 32 students to receive the school's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavior and academic performance during the month of April.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School "Bulldog" pen.

Parents in attendance were given a "Bulldog" mug to recognize their support of the students.

Principal Ed Clark would like to acknowledge the following Romulus Middle School students.

April Students of the Month

Charmaine Atkins, Kimberly Atkins, Lynette Bailey, Ebony Brown, Brittney Clark, Shawnta Crawford, Amanda Crosby, Janeise Daniels, Sherri Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Julia Deshazor, Andrew Foley, Tanya Formosa, Jessica Frost, Heather Gelormino, Bradley Hindman, Varonica Howard, Aaron King, Ronald LeBlanc, Patrick McCollum, Megan Mitchell, Leigh Panek, Tony Penn, Eris Piloci, Denisa Rakic, Britany Sawdy, Misty Shafer, Karneill Teague, Rickie Truitt, Brent Tyus, Brandon Varga, and Cherie Whorton.

Congratulations to all. □



Romulus Middle School's "Students of the Month" for April.

Cory Students Honored

Congratulations to the following children from Cory Elementary School who were named "Student of the Month."

"Students of the Month" – March

Ronnie Cushman (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Brittany Glenn (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "B"), Dale Jackson (Ms. Giles, second grade), Leah Lattimore (Ms. Walker, third grade), Carolyn Moore (Mr. Kessler, sixth grade), Lawrence Nastal (Ms. Price, third grade), Érin Noyd (Ms. Watson, first grade), Tiffany Penn (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Ashley Rivera (Mr. Blackburn, fifth grade), Brian Rodger (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Jerrell Rusan (Ms. Cristini, first grade), Thomas Rutherford (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Heather Schultz (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Kaela Torres (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Sam Wells (Ms. Radovic, second grade), Javon Westley (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "A"), and Theresa Windom (Ms. Pluff, third grade).

"Students of the Month" – April

Kimberly Adams (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Chyna Bennett (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Sarah Berger (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Corey Bowman (Mr. Blackburn, fifth grade), Roderick Brown (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Darrell Cofield (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Johnathan Curry (Ms. Radovic, second grade), Ciara Harris

(Ms. Cristini, first grade), Brittany Johnson (Mr. Kessler, sixth grade), Alex Modrzynski (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Jordan Reavis (Ms. Giles, second grade), Kyle Sherwood (Ms. Walker, third grade), Antoniece Toliver (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "A"), Kimberly Tyra (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Zachary Williams (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "B"), Christina Willis (Ms. Watson, first grade), and Clara Windom (Ms. Price, third grade).

"Students of the Month" – May

Summer Adams (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "B"), Catherine Bratcher (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Michael Broadnax (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Amanda Brown (Ms. Radovic, second grade), Jasmine Brown (Ms. Price, third grade), Nicole Carroll (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Monica Cox (Mr. Kessler, sixth grade), Kassie Gray (Ms. Walker, third grade), Cory Haynes (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Nicole Klages (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), David Miller (Ms. Cristini, first grade), Anne Ross (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Dominique Ross (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Corey Sledd (Ms. Watson, first grade), Danielle Stephens (Ms. Giles, second grade), Michael Wallace (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "A"), and George Wells (Mr. Blackburn, fifth grade). □

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 10, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 10, 1999, was called to order by Vice President Bette M. Lenossi at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed member Kesner absent (excused). Administrator Dolan was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/99/1 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5/99/2 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of April 26, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: William Musham, District-wide Director – Level I, Effective July 1, 1999.

5/99/3 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board accept the employment of Bill Musham as District-wide Director – Level I, for 220-day contract effective July 1, 1999. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

5/99/4 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Report – Special Education

Dr. Mary Kelley, Director of Special Education, and School Psychologists Dr. Jerry Rzepka, Sam Olive, and Amy Lusher were present to update the Board of Education on the Special Education Program. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Textbook Adoptions

5/99/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to adopt new Language Arts textbooks for the seventh, eighth, and ninth-grades at a cost of \$55,392.30. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

"School of Choice" Resolution

5/99/6 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to establish our status for School of Choice. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Vehicle Purchase

5/99/7 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the Board of Education purchase a 1999 Dodge Caravan from Crestwood Dodge for \$16,034.75. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

"Pumpkin Festival" Request

5/99/8 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and approve the use of the Old South field by the Pumpkin Festival Committee for its annual festival on September 18th and 19th of this year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience were present to voice their concerns, as they relate to the operation of the School District, to members of the Board of Education and administration.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Leadership Camp – 1999; 3) "Thanks" to Jesse Meriweather – Debbie Dick; and 4) Article: Voucher – Livonia Schools.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members.

None.

Executive Session

5/99/9 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/99/10 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 734-942-6852.

Free Tennis Clinic

On Saturday, June 5, the Romulus Recreation Department – in conjunction with the United States Tennis Association – will offer tennis clinics according to the following age divisions:

- five to six (10 to 10:30 a.m.),
- seven to 11 (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.),
- 12 to adult (11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.).

Participants must bring a racquet (a limited number will be available for those who don't have one), a container of water, and tennis shoes.

There is no charge to participate, but advance registration (no later than Friday, June 4) is required.

1-2-3 Tennis Lessons

A four-week schedule of Tuesday/Thursday tennis lessons for ages five to adult will begin June 8 according to the following schedule:

- elementary-age beginners (6 to 6:30 p.m.; \$20),

- elementary-age intermediate (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; \$25),
- middle school to adult intermediate (7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; \$35).

Mondays and Wednesdays will be used for make-up days. Another session will be offered July 6–29. Advance registration is required.

Junior Golf Clinic

Young people looking for an introduction to the game of golf will enjoy PGA professional Curtis George's one-day clinic on etiquette, putting, chipping, and driving. Participants can choose to attend either the June 19 or June 26 session; each will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$35 per golfer; balls and certificates of completion are included in the price. To make your reservation, or for more information, call the Woodlands at 734-729-3812.

Junior Golf Camp

Woodlands Golf Course will be conducting a junior golf camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 21–24. Cost is \$75 per golfer (includes a free driver on the completion of the camp, a green-fee voucher, a graduation certificate, and a goodie bag). To make your reservation, or for more information about the camp, call the Woodlands at 734-729-3812.

Golf Lessons

Group golf lessons will be offered at Woodlands Golf Course according to the following rates:

- group of five – \$70 per person for five one-hour lessons,
- group of three or four – \$80 for four 50-minute lessons.

Note: Price does not include golf balls.

To schedule a lesson time, call Woodlands at 734-729-3812.

Summer Recreation

Elementary Program

The popular Romulus Recreation Summer Program for elementary-age boys and girls – set to begin June 28 and continue through August 13 – will be conducted at the following sites:

- Burton Building (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday),
- Barth Elementary School (noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday),
- Cory Elementary School (limited to the first 75 to register; noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday),
- Halecreek Elementary School (noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday),
- Wick Elementary School (noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Parents must provide transportation to and from the program site.

In addition to the program's regular recreation activities, a number of special events will be scheduled to educate children about proper behavior and the dangers of alcohol- and drug-abuse. These programs are put on by trained professionals who serve the Romulus community.

The cost of the seven-week program is only \$25 per child; family discounts (\$45 for two children or \$60 for three or more; proof of residence must be shown) are available.

(Small) additional fees will be charged for optional "special trips" (to waterparks, picnics, etc.) that are scheduled for various Fridays throughout the program.

Those who wish to preregister for the summer program may do so at the Romulus Recreation building until June 28; thereafter (until July 23), registrations will be accepted at the individual program sites.

Middle-school Program

Students in grades seven to 10 (as of September 1999) are eligible to take part in the Recreation Department's Summer Program for Middle School students, set to begin June 28 and continue through August 13.

Students who need transportation to the Middle School program site will be picked up at the following locations/times:

Trip One

- Halecreek School (10:15 a.m.),
- Merriman School (10:20 a.m.),
- Recreation Building (10:30 a.m.),

Trip Two

- Park #1 (10:45 a.m.),
- Coleman Center (10:50 a.m.),
- Cory School (10:55 a.m.),
- Romulus City Drugs (11 a.m.),

Drop-offs will be at the same locations after 4 p.m. (the program's completion time).

For information on the program's costs and registration, see the section on the elementary-age program (above).

Information regarding "special trips" is similar, as well.

Summer Karate

Ages six and up are invited to sign up for the Romulus Recreation Department's summer karate classes, which will be held at the Recreation building each Thursday from June 24 through August 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. (beginners) and 7 to 8 p.m. (advanced). Cost is \$12 for one person; \$20 for two family members; or \$35 for the family plan. Advance registration is required.

Unusual Incentive Inspires Team



As an extra incentive to winning after his Astros had lost the first few games of the season, Romulus Little League Coach Craig Plank promised his young players that they could shave his head on the day of their first victory. The great day finally arrived on May 21.

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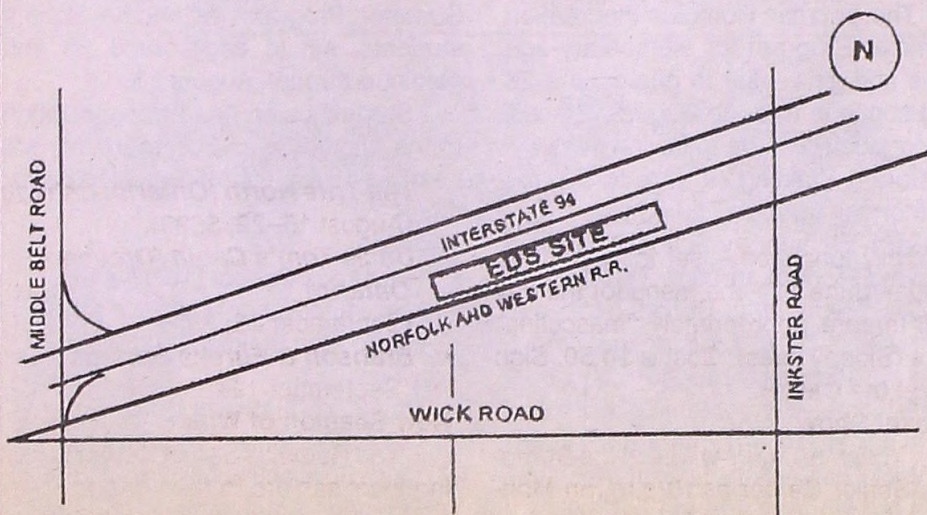
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION**

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) submitted an application for a permit to construct a hazardous waste management facility at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan. The application was submitted to satisfy the requirements under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451). The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Waste Management Division hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on July 15, 1999, to receive comments on the application.

The proposed EDS-Citrin Drive facility would accept liquid hazardous waste from off-site generators for disposal in deep injection wells. Prior to disposal in the deep injection wells, the wastes would be stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks. The site for the proposed facility is approximately 15 acres in size and is shown on the map below.



The Part 111 of Act 451 application is required for the above-ground storage and treatment of hazardous waste prior to disposal in the deep injection wells. The deep injection wells are subject to separate permit actions under the federal Underground Injection Control Program and Part 625, Mineral Wells, of Act 451; they are not subject to the Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit requirements.

The Part 111 of Act 451 application will undergo two separate reviews: one by the DEQ and one by the Site Review Board (SRB). The DEQ is now conducting its technical review of the application. If the proposed facility satisfies the design and operating standards under Part 111 of Act 451, the DEQ will refer the application to the SRB in September 1999. The SRB will focus on the potential impact that the proposed facility could have on the local community. After a series of public meetings, the SRB will recommend whether the DEQ should issue or deny a construction permit for the EDS-Citrin Drive facility. If the entire review process follows the minimum schedule, a final decision could be reached by June 2000.

The purpose of the hearing on July 15, 1999 is to give the public an opportunity for input early in the review process and before any tentative decisions are reached. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during the hearing. Speakers will be asked to register at the hearing and to limit their presentations to allow time for everyone who is interested in speaking. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should contact Mr. Steve Sliver at the address below, or at 517-373-1976, at least a week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

The application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the DEQ's Southeast Michigan District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pawloske at 313-953-1408); and at the DEQ's Waste Management Division Office located on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Building, 608 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Sliver at 517-373-1976).

Requests, comments, and questions regarding the application and review process should be addressed to:

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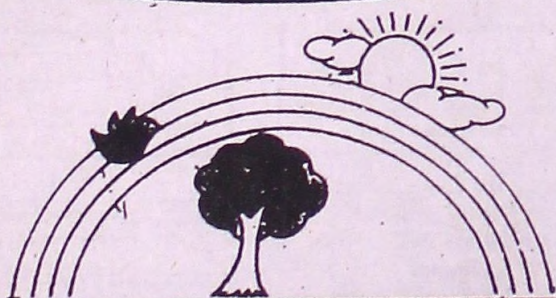
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors who were born in the month of June: Jerlene Aldred, Geraldine Eldred, Norbert Kolbe, Doris Mackie, Eva Nash, Joseph Scibilia, and Pearl Wilks.

Father's Day Luncheon

Since the Romulus Senior Center will be celebrating Father's Day at its monthly luncheon – set for 1 p.m. on Friday, June 11 – the menu for the day will feature appropriately "masculine" fare (Sloppy Joes). Cost is \$4.50. Sign up at the Center.

Travel Show: Alaska

Your Man Tours will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 7, to present an Alaskan Tour Travel Show.

"If you enjoy slide-show presentations of beautiful scenery, stop in for this program, even if taking a similar trip is probably not within your budget," urges Program Coordinator Linda Norman.

For more information, contact the Center.

Hooked on Fishing?

The Romulus Senior Center is trying to lure local seniors into taking a trip to Dexter's Trout Farm for fishing and a picnic on Wednesday, June 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$12.50. Sign up at the Center.

Intergenerational Group To Tour State Capitol Building

On Monday, June 28, leadership students from the classroom of Romulus Middle Teacher Betty Santo will travel to Lansing with folks from the Romulus Senior Center for a tour of the Capitol Building and Historic Museum. Boxed lunches will be available at a cost of \$5.25 each. Space is limited, so early sign-up is recommended.

Tour of K-9 Academy

On Wednesday, June 30 (time to be announced in the June 18 issue), Community Police/Crime Watch Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be taking senior citizens on a tour of the local K-9 (police dog) training academy. Sign up at the Center if you would like to participate.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Windsor Raceway**
(June 25; \$21),
- **African Lion Safari (Cambridge, Ontario)**
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- **The True North (Ontario, Canada)**
(August 15–22; \$699),
- **Uncle Tom's Cabin (Dresden, Ontario)**
(September 15; \$50),
- **Branson & Eureka Springs**
(September 19–25; \$699),

New Session of Water Aerobics

The Romulus Senior Center is inviting local seniors to take part in a new session of water aerobics that will begin June 9 at the Wayne Community Center. Transportation (\$1 per person per day) for the Wednesday/Friday classes will depart from the Senior Center at 3:30 p.m. (note: transportation will not be available unless there are at least three passengers). Cost is \$17.50 for 15 classes. Sign up at the Center.

"Ask the Attorney"

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Free Blood-pressure Check

Rachel O'Neil, a registered nurse who resides here in Romulus, has generously agreed to donate one afternoon per month to perform free blood-pressure checks at the Romulus Senior Center. (Next date: Wednesday, June 16, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.)

Club #1 Wants You!

Club #1, which meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m., has scheduled the following events for this month:

- June 8 (meeting; bag lunch; games),
- June 15 (meeting; lite lunch; games),
- June 22 (Wal-Mart shopping; lunch),
- June 29 (meeting; potluck; quarter bingo). □

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